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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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| TITLE: | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING THE DIRECTION OF INCIDENCE OF AN INCOMING AUDIO SIGNAL | |

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

AA United States Patent No. 6,339,758

AB United States Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0007969

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA and the European application corresponding to Reference AB were among the references cited by the European Patent Office in connection with the counterpart European application. Other references also were cited, but those other references, or their counterparts, have already been made of record herein.

Form 1449 is submitted herewith, on which References AA and AB are listed.

As of the date of transmittal of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action has been rendered in connection with this application, but neither a Final Rejection nor a Notice of Allowance has occurred. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), and no fee is necessary.

Accordingly, the undersigned representative of the Applicant states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each of the above references was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Early consideration of the application is therefore requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 501519.

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